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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 4877

SEOUL PASS PC COUNTRY DIRECTOR PASTORE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT BG US  
SUBJECT: FURTHER CRITICISM OF PEACE CORPS AGREEMENT

REFS: A. DACCA 4732 (NOTAL); B. DACCA 4796 (NOTAL)

1. CRITICISM OF THE AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN BD CONTINUED DURING THE PAST WEEK. THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF OPPOSITION CONTINUED TO BE LEFTIST POLITICAL AND STUDENT GROUPS, BUT A NUMBER OF OTHER VOICES WERE HEARD. AMONG THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH MADE STATEMENTS PROTESTING THE AGREEMENT WERE THE JATIYO SRAMIK LEAGUE, A LABOR ORGANIZATION; THE BD JAMIAT-E-ULAMA-E-ISLAM, A CONSERVATIVE MUSLIM GROUP; AND THE BD NARI MUKTI SANGSAD (LITERALLY, WOMEN'S LIBERATION ORGANIZATION). THERE WAS ALSO AN UNFAVORABLE COMMENTARY IN THE WEEKLY HOLIDAY, THE LENGTHIEST AND HARSHTEST CRITICISM OF THE AGREEMENT TO DATE.

2. THE HOLIDAY PIECE, WHICH FOLLOWED A MORE GENERAL BROADSIDE AGAINST THE U.S. IN THAT PAPER A WEEK  
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AGO (REF A), WAS WRITTEN BY BADRUDDIN UMAR, A FREQUENT HOLIDAY CONTRIBUTOR WITH A LEFTIST BENT AND A FRIEND OF HOLIDAY OWNER (NOW PETROLEUM MINISTER) ENAYETULLAH KHAN. THE ARTICLE OUTLINES IN STRONG BUT WELL-WORN PHRASES THE USUAL LEFTIST OBJECTIONS TO THE PEACE CORPS AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN GENERAL. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, UMAR IMPLICITLY CRITICIZES THE BDG FOR ENTERING INTO THE

ACCORD IN CHARGING THAT THE BD IS BECOMING INCREAS-  
INGLY DEPENDENT ON AND SUBSERVIENT TO IMPERIALISM AND  
THAT THIS IS "CREATING A CONDITION IN WHICH THE PROBLEM  
OF FULFILLMENT OF THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE CAN NEVER  
BE SOLVED WITHIN THE EXISTING POLITICAL FRAMEWORK".

3. COMMENT: THE BDG HAS MADE NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGREEMENT  
OR THE REACTION TO TI. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BANGLADESH  
AGREEMENT WITH THE PEACE CORPS WAS CRITICIZED IN A MEETING  
WITH PRESIDENT ZIA BUT THE PRESIDENT STRONGLY DEFENDED THE  
AGREEMENT ARGUING THAT BANGLADESH WAS FULLY INDEPENDENT, THAT  
IT HAD OTHER VOLUNTEERS, THEREFORE, WHY NOT PEACE CORPS  
VOLUNTEERS; AND THAT THIS WAS THE PEACE CORPS OF THE CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION. END FYI.  
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